

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 – 4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102 (b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 3,606,020 to Kern. Claims 1 – 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102 (b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 5,488,543 to Mazura. Claims 1 – 5 and 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102 (b) as anticipated by DE 29709227. Claim 8 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as unpatentable over DE 29709227 in view of Anderson, U.S. Patent Number 5,806,945. Reconsideration of these rejections in view of the amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The claims, and particularly new claims 10 and 17, have been amended to clarify that the invention comprises a frame which includes a base section coupled to lateral arm sections through connecting sections which truncate a corner formed at an intersection of axes of the arm sections and the base section. The lateral arms are perpendicular to the base. This arrangement allows for a large recess for routing cables through the frame, and further for allowing a service person to stand within the frame.

None of the cited references disclose a frame as recited in new claims 10 and 17. Kern and the German reference, DE 29709227, each disclose a frame which is arranged substantially in a “cross” configuration, in which the arms are angled at ninety degree angles through a center. The Mazura reference discloses a frame in which the arms and the base intersect to form a right angle. The frame, therefore, does not include a connecting section truncating the intersection of the base and the arms as recited in claim 10. Anderson discloses a frame with a square base section in which angled corner sections are provided to reinforce the corners. None of these references, therefore, discloses a transverse member

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which includes a base section, lateral arm sections, and truncated corner sections coupling the base section to the arm sections.

The Applicants therefore submit that the claims, as amended, distinguish over the cited references, and respectfully request that a notice of allowance be issued for claims 2 – 8 and 11 - 21.

Authorization to charge Deposit Account 17-0055 the fee for continued examination, as well as for a two month extension of time is enclosed. No other fees are believed necessary. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due on this application to Deposit Account 17-0055. The Commissioner is also authorized to treat this amendment and any future reply in this matter requiring a petition for an extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time as provided by 37 CFR § 136(a)(3).

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